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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, PK, SA

SUBJ: DISPOSAL OF SAUDI F-86'S/T-33'S

REF: JIDDA 3104

TEXT OF CONFIDENTIAL LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR TO PRINCE
SULTAN, DATED JULY 30, TO BE DELIVERED BY HAND TO TAIF
ON AUGUST 2, FOLLOWS:

1. QUOTE: YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS: IN RESPONSE TO YOUR RE-
QUEST OF JULY 21 CONCERNING THE F-86 AND T-33 AIRCRAFT
IN THE INVENTORY OF THE ROYAL SAUDI AIR FORCE, THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN FURTHER CONSIDERATION
TO THE POSSIBLE DISPOSAL OF THE AIRCRAFT IN A WAY THAT
WOULD BE RESPONSIVE TO YOUR HIGHNESS'S WISHES.

2. QUOTE: THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE
TRANSFER OF RSAF AIRCRAFT TO THE PAKISTANI AIR FORCE IS
NOT POSSIBLE UNDER PRESENT POLICY. I CAN ADD, HOWEVER,
THAT THIS PRESENT POLICY WOULD NOT PRECLUDE THE UNITED
STATES FROM GIVING CONSENT TO THE TRANSFER OF SPARE PARTS,
SERVICING EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER RETRIEVABLE ITEMS (EX-
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CLUDING ARMAMENTS) WHICH ARE NEEDED TO KEEP SUCH AIRCRAFT

OPERABLE. WE WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO CONSENT TO THE STRIPPING OF THE AIRCRAFT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PAKISTANI AIR FORCE, REQUESTING ONLY THAT THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT RETAIN THE ARMAMENTS AND THE AIRFRAMES OF THE AIRCRAFT THEMSELVES FOR SOME OTHER DISPOSITION.

3. QUOTE: MY GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO YOUR MINISTRY'S INFORMING PAKISTANI OFFICIALS OF OUR WILLINGNESS TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF SUCH SPARE PARTS. IF THE PAKISTANI AIR FORCE DESIRES THAT THE TRANSFER BE ACCOMPLISHED, THEN WE WOULD BE GLAD TO RECEIVE FROM YOUR MINISTRY A FORMAL REQUEST FOR UNITED STATES AUTHORIZATION FOR TRANSFER.

4. QUOTE: THE PROCEDURE OUTLINED ABOVE WOULD PERMIT TRANSFER TO PAKISTAN OF MOST OF THE VALUE OF THE EQUIPMENT IN QUESTION; THE REMAINING ITEMS IN QUESTION--IN PARTICULAR THE AIRFRAMES--ARE, RELATIVELY SPEAKING, OF LESSER VALUE AND MIGHT BE USEFULLY EMPLOYED, AS SUGGESTED BY GENERAL SMITH AND MYSELF, FOR THE FURTHER TRAINING OF THE ROYAL SAUDI AIR FORCE.

5. QUOTE: WITH ALL GOOD WISHES, SIGNED NICHOLAS G. THACHER.
END QUOTE.
THACHER

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